The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 22 OF 2021

WHEREAS, parks and recreation promote physical, emotional and mental health and wellness through organized and self-directed fitness, play, and activity; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation strengthen community identity by providing facilities and services that reflect and celebrate community character, heritage, culture, history, aesthetics and landscape; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation support human development and endless learning opportunities that foster social, intellectual, physical and emotional growth in people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation sustain and steward our natural resources by protecting habitats and open space, connecting people to nature, and promoting the ecological function of parkland; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation professionals strengthen community cohesion and resiliency, connect people with nature and each other, and provide opportunities for healthful living, social equity and environmental sustainability;

WHEREAS, parks and recreation professionals and volunteers perform essential services to provide recreational and developmental enrichment for our children, youth, adults and seniors; and to ensure our parks and recreational facilities are clean, safe, and ready to use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim July 2021 as "Park and Recreation Month" and July 16, 2021 as "Pennsylvania Parks and Recreation Professionals Day" in Centre County and encourages all residents to visit a park and enjoy the beauty of our community.

ADOPTED this 13th day of July 2021.

Margaret N. Gray, Administrator

ATTEST:

CENTRE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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